

DEMANDS OF AMERICA  
SHOULD BE RESPECTEDGERMANY HAS NO ALTERNATIVE  
BUT TO ACCEPT ALLIED DEMANDS

LONDON, May 5. (By the Associated Press)—The speech of Prime Minister Lloyd George, in the house of commons, this evening on reparations apart from a recital of the findings of the supreme council and a minute explanation of the terms imposed on Germany was, in the main, a defense of his own position against accusations from liberals and laborites of undue yielding to France, and an apology and justification for the French attitude.

The prime minister was foiled by Lord Cecil who earnestly appealed to the French minister to frame their policy and model their language so as to avoid any cooling of the sentiments between France and England.

John R. Clynds, chairman of the parliamentary labor party, and former premier Asquith, spoke favorably of the moderation of Mr. Lloyd George's pronouncement. Mr. Asquith said he thought a most reasonable and practical issue from the difficulty had been found by the supreme council.

Mr. Lloyd George argued that the plan the supreme council had adopted was fair and workable. The allies had taken account of all of Germany's difficulties, economic and political, he said, and also her capacity to pay. It was useless being impatient with the attitude of France, the prime minister declared because France was a victim of the war and entitled to reparations.

Lloyd George then entered into elaborate details, describing the plans adopted. "I am not talking the language of menace," Lloyd George said, "but practical, common sense when I say it was a good thing for the German people to be brought up sharply against a worse alternative if they refuse the present terms."

HARDING WILL AID  
DISABLED FIGHTERS

WASHINGTON, May 5. (By the Associated Press)—President Harding gave his pledge today to the disabled soldiers at Walter Reed hospital that the nation would not fail in making them fit to embrace "the opportunity which is yours," citizens of America.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and Senator Underwood, the president visited the hospital upon the occasion of an entertainment for the wounded soldiers arranged by the Alabama Society here.

In expressing the wish that the maimed before him might be restored by the wave of some magic wand, the president declared that the next best thing was for the republic to prove its gratitude to the soldiers by restoring them to a condition in which they might live as happily as possible.

Sours Are Healed  
"I know this thought is in the hearts of the congress," he continued, "and I can assure you that it is in the heart of the executive and more, I know it is in the hearts of the people."

As one familiar through his father, a veteran of the civil war, with the trials through which the south passed and the division in the union which it had created, the president stated it as his belief that in the half century which has elapsed "the great scar has healed."

"You soldiers from Alabama and Ohio and the other forty-six states have succeeded in wiping it out," he exclaimed. "That there was no more sectionalism in America now, the president said, was due to the fact that the people of Alabama wanted precisely the same things as the people of Ohio and he added, that as chief executive he was re-joiced to regard America as a whole and not confine himself to any one of its parts."

In tribute to William McKinley, the president stated, it was through him and his tactful leadership during the Spanish-American war that such great progress was made in bridging the chasms separating previously the north and the south.

After his address the president and Mrs. Harding shook hands with several hundred soldiers. While preparations were being made, with several delays, for a flash light photograph of the group, the president said smilingly: "I was expecting a charge."

"And I was expecting a discharge," a private close by replied.

COPS UNABLE TO FERRET OUT  
YOUNG GIRLS WHILE MOTHERS  
WEAR ABBREVIATED DRESSES

CHICAGO, May 5. (By the Associated Press)—Present dress styles make it impossible to enforce Chicago's new curfew ordinance which goes into effect tomorrow, Chief of Police Fitzmoris announced today.

"It's impracticable," he said, "I don't know how a policeman, with present styles and so on, is going to be able to tell, say, whether a girl is over or under sixteen years of age. To my mind responsibility for enforcement for curfew laws is upon parents."

The ordinance requires all children under 16 years old to be off the streets between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m., unless accompanied by parents, guardians, or responsible adult authority, or engaged in lawful occupation requiring them to be out after the prescribed hours.

U. S. MAY BE REPRESENTED AT  
NEXT MEETING SUPREME COUNCIL

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—President Harding had before him tonight the formal invitation to the United States from the allied governments to be represented on the supreme council, the reparations commission and the council of ambassadors. He was giving close attention to it and was expected to bring up the question before the cabinet at the regular meeting tomorrow.

The invitation, which was called from London last night, was presented to the State Department today by Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador and later Secretary Hughes was in conference for half an hour with the president.

No indication was given of the attitude of the American government toward the invitation, although in some circles belief was expressed that the United States might feel justified in participating to some extent in reparations settlements because of its interest in economic adjustments growing out of the war.

There were intimations in some official circles also that a condition precedent to unreserved participation by the United States in deliberations abroad would be the acceptance by the allies of the principles laid down by Secretary Hughes in respect to mandates. Italy has already expressed approval of the American position on this subject and France has given assurance that she would lose no time in bringing the status of Yap before the supreme council for consideration.

Would Recognize Mexico.  
LONDON, May 5.—Recognition of Mexico, on the ground that Mexico never would become stable until it secured recognition, was advocated in the house of commons by Major Christopher Lowther today during the course of the debate on foreign affairs.

Budget Bill Accepted  
WASHINGTON, May 5.—The budget bill was passed today by the house but with some changes as adopted by the

FORMER GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA  
INDICTED FOR RECEIVING AND  
ACCEPTING MONEY FOR PARDONS

STARKE, Florida, May 5. (By the Associated Press)—Sydney Catta, former governor of Florida was indicted late yesterday by the Bradford county grand jury for "corruptly receiving and accepting a gratuity or money for casting his vote for the granting of pardons while governor of the State of Florida." According to an announcement today Catta is specifically charged with having accepted \$700 for his vote in granting a pardon to a man convicted of murder in Bay county in 1918 and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mr. Catt's term of office expired last January 3.

HOTEL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE TO  
MEET AT NOON TODAY—STOCK  
IS NOW BEING RAPIDLY TURNED

The most interesting meeting of the Amarillo hotel campaign committee is scheduled for today noon at the Amarillo hotel. The usual luncheon will be served and reports from the different captains turned in. Since the last meeting property owners in the vicinity of the hotel have come forward with subscriptions to the stock and reports of the amounts subscribed will be made.

Already there are 136 subscribers to stock which is gratifying to the committee. The distribution of stock among a large number of subscribers is preferred to centering ownership among only a few.

Though subscriptions have not come in large blocks, they have been coming in gradually and the biggest boost since the campaign was opened is that of property owners in the locality of the hotel this week. It is believed the remaining stock left after today's meeting will require little canvassing.

DEPORTED FROM MEXICO, DRAFT  
EVADER TO FACE COURTMARTIAL

By Associated Press.  
SAN ANTONIO, May 5.—Linn A. F. Gale of New York, who was deported from Mexico by orders of President Obregon, and who was turned over to United States military authorities at Laredo, April 22 and now is being held at Fort San Houston, will be tried by an army court martial on charges of draft evasion, according to orders re-

ENTITLED TO HAVE WAY,  
IS OPINION OF SFORZA

PARIS, May 5. (By the Associated Press)—Count Sforza, the Italian foreign minister, talking during the journey from the supreme council meeting in London today of the American government's note concerning the Yap mandate, said it had not been discussed formally in the supreme council meetings, but that he had occasion to talk of it with Earl Curzon, the British foreign minister.

"I said to him," continued Count Sforza, "that without the United States the war would not have been won. She asked for nothing and is entitled to have her way about Yap. She ought to have it and the Italian government desires her to have it."

Asked if he had any objection to the publication of his views, Count Sforza replied:

"None whatever. I shall be glad for America to know how the Italian government feels in this matter."

"What do you think the Japanese attitude will be?" the correspondent asked.

"I am confident," replied Count Sforza, "that the Japanese government has too clear a sense of political realities not to agree."

"What did Earl Curzon reply to your statement concerning Yap?"

"That," said Count Sforza, "is Earl Curzon's privilege to say."

Count Sforza asserted that he was well satisfied with the decisions of the supreme council respecting Germany.

"They are just and Germany ought to accept them," he said.

TO MISS "PASSION" IS  
TO MISS A REAL TREATSETTLEMENT OF  
MARINE STRIKE  
VERY PROBABLE

NO FORMAL STATEMENT MADE,  
BUT MEN APPARENTLY  
SATISFIED

Special to The News.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Prospects of a settlement of the wage controversy which threatens a tie up of American shipping appeared considerably brighter tonight as the result of a joint conference of chairman Benson of the shipping board and representative of the Marine engineers with secretary Davis. The discussion which was the first held with more than one party to the controversy present, with the secretary since last week, was adjourned at a late hour to be resumed tomorrow.

Although ship owners were not present tonight they were kept informed of developments by telephone and it was said would be similarly acquainted with the proceedings if they had representatives here. All parties were silent as to the program of negotiations but as they emerged from the labor secretary's office were smiling.

"Passion" is truly a mighty epic of the screen. It proves a worthy vehicle for the consummate artistry of a real actress, Pola Negri. In many instances, one becomes surfeited an adjective in connection with a production on the stage, or on the screen. Florid descriptivity palls on the senses, and persons otherwise interested, become worn with the superfluity of the entire, superlatively overwrought written expressions.

In connection with "Passion," the masterpiece that was shown last night and will be repeated in matinee and evening performances under the auspices of the Canton Drum Corps in the Fair Theatre, today and Saturday, there is no danger of these faults. It is a fact that words fall lame, in their power of expression when placed along side of the grandeur, the beauty, the stateliness and feeling of "Passion."

Interest Unabated.

It is the true story of a brilliantly beautiful woman who began life in a lowly way, but whose rare personal charms opened every door, and placed her on an exalted pedestal, and finally through her weakness to her death after much of action. Superbly staged, faultlessly photographed, intensely interesting in every phase and detail, to see "Passion" is never to forget it.

Pola Negri has the rare gift of interpreting the spirit of her role. She is entrancingly gracious, though fierce, and from the first appearance to the tragic finale, there is not a minute in which she allows the auditor's interest to abate. The star is supported by an excellent cast and lack of these arrests!

approximately five thousand other participants.

Not the least attractive thing about this show and the Fair Theatre is the orchestra—every member a musician, with a repertoire of choice compositions rendered in such degree of perfection as to make this feature worth the price of admission. There is nothing of the "rushing," garish, uncertain attitude towards music by this orchestra. There is an instant and abiding appeal in the program that brings forth repeated applause. As a supplement to a picture unsurpassed in vividness, gripping interest and thrilling plot, the orchestra comes in for a liberal share of favor.

To miss "Passion" is to miss a real

STILLMAN NOT FATHER OF BOY,  
SAYS DOCTOR---LETTERS FROM  
BEAUVAIS ARE READ IN COURT

NEW YORK, May 5. (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Hugh Russell, a chiropractor of Buffalo, New York, testifying today at a hearing in the divorce suit brought by James A. Stillman, a New York Banker, declared that Mrs. Anne U. Stillman while under his treatment in April, 1918, told him that her husband was not the father of an expected child. The child, Guy Stillman, who is named with his mother and Fred Beauvais an Indian guide, in the divorce suit, was born the following November.

While the testimony was given behind closed doors, the defendant's attorneys admitted it had been offered and conditionally accepted by the referee, over Mrs. Stillman's objections. The question of its admissibility probably will be argued in the trial courts.

in the wife's answer, was not present. Cross examination of Dr. Russell will be started at the next hearing, tentatively set for May 18.

A letter said to have been written by Beauvais to Mrs. Stillman and to have contained terms of endorsement, was admitted as evidence over objections of the defense after the handwriting had been identified as Beauvais' by Bernard Kelly, for three years superintendent of the Stillman summer home at Pleasant Villa.

CHAVES COUNTY PEOPLE  
VOTE FOR BRIDGE BONDS

Special to The News.

HAGERMAN, N. M., May 5.—Late reports indicate that the Chaves county bridge bond went over with a majority of 82. The news of the victory was well received in this section, though voters in the city of Roswell strongly opposed the issue.

It is now thought that a modern bridge will be erected over the Pecos river in the near future.

WEST TEXAS—Friday, partly cloudy, Saturday, cloudy; not change in temperature.